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Subject: October 1, 1993 Effective Date of HSS 117

(Fees for Copies of Health Care Provider Records)

The Department's Administrative Code for Fees for Copies of Health Care Provider Records, HSS 117, is attached for your review. The effective date of this rule is October 1, 1993.

This rule applies to all attorneys who request certified duplicate health care records under s. 908.03(6m)(c)3, Stats., and to all health care providers who supply those records.

HSS 117 authorizes a health care provider to charge a fee for duplicate records of a patient requested by an attorney, but they limit that fee in the case of paper records to either \$8.40 per request or 45 cents per page up to the first 50 pages and 25 cents per page after 50 pages, whichever is the greatest amount, and \$4.00 per X-ray copy. Postage is extra.

This rule was promulgated under the authority of s. 908.03(6m)(d), Stats., as created by 1991 Wisconsin Act 269. In accordance with the statute, the Department has developed a fee schedule for certified duplicate health care provider records pertaining to particular patients when those records are requested under s. 908.03(6)(c)3, Stats., by attorneys who intend to offer them as evidence at a trial or hearing. The statute allows health care providers to also charge for postage or other delivery costs.

If you have questions regarding the contents of HSS 117, please contact Gale D. Johnson at (608) 266-0269.

If you would like additional copies of HSS 117, feel free to copy the attached information or contact Barb Carey at (608) 267-1446. Up to 10 additional copies will be provided at no charge.

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